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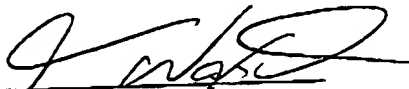
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, Applicants submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 9, 2002. Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boeck et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,018; hereinafter "Boeck"). Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application and claims are patentable for at least the following reasons.

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